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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
United States Patent and Trademark office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the above-identified application for United States
patent, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims.

In claim 3, line 1, delete "or claim 2".

In claim 4, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 3" and
insert --claim 1--.

In claim 5, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 4" and
insert --claim 1--.